GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Sam Pitroda Committee
Devi Smt. Rama

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sam Pitroda for the modernisation of the Railways;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Railways; and

(c) if so, the major recommendations especially regarding safety in the railway system and the action taken by the Railways to improve the safety norms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.

(c): The Committee's major recommendations especially regarding safety are: mechanized maintenance of track, installation of wheel impact load detectors, provision of train protection warning system (TPWS), elimination of unmanned level crossings, upgradation / renovation of workshops/coaching depots and use social networks / cameras/videos and other new tools and technologies etc.

Railways have already initiated action for elimination/manning of level crossings, provision of train protection warning system, hot box detectors, track friendly bogies, IT based system for monitoring train accidents (safety information management system) etc. Monitoring of safety performance and upgradation of safety norms is an ongoing process on Indian Railways.

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